

REMARKS

In response to the invention election requirement, applicant's representative, Gregory Muir, made an oral election of Invention I (claims 1-32) via telephone conversation with the Examiner on August 4, 2005. This invention election is confirmed herein.

With the invention election, claims 1-95 are pending in this patent application; and claims 33-95 are withdrawn from consideration.

Of the remaining pending claims 1-32, claim 1 is in independent form; and claims 2-32 are in dependent form from claim 1.

In the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Huibers (US Pat. 6,046,840) in view of Markis (US pat. 6,724,379 B1). This rejection is respectfully traversed, because the present claimed invention has an earlier "invention" date than the filing date of the Markis reference; and therefore, Markis is not qualified as a prior art reference for rejecting the claims of the present invention under any sections of 35 U.S.C. 102 in view of the declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 that is attached herewith. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. In the event any fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 501516.

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